

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A file device that records a file to storage means divided among a plurality of blocks, comprising:

10       block allocation means for allocating blocks to record the file in the storage means; management information production means for producing management information designating blocks allocated by the block allocation means; and storage control means for recording the 15       files in the storage means after recording the management information produced by the management information production means in the storage means.

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2. The file device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the storage control means attaches information indicating a preceding block and 25       information indicating a size of data to be recorded in a block to the data recorded in the block and records to the storage means.

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3. The file device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the storage control means updates the management information so that, when a data- 35       unrecorded block occurs among the blocks allocated by the block allocation means when recording the file, the unrecorded block becomes an unused block.

4. The file device as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the storage control means has storage  
sequence setting means for setting a storage  
sequence of data that makes up the file,

5       the data that makes up the file being  
allocated among blocks to be recorded by the block  
allocation means based on the sequence set by the  
storage sequence setting means and recorded to the  
allocated blocks.

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5. The file device as claimed in claim 2,  
15 having file readout means, such that when  
information indicating the preceding block does not  
indicate the preceding block as a result of the  
block being accessed in sequence depending on the  
management information, the file being read out, and  
20 data being read out from the block, or when  
information indicating the size of the data recorded  
in the block is outside the actual block size range,  
the file readout means halts readout of the file and  
updates the management information so that  
25 subsequent blocks become unused blocks.

30           6. A file access method that divides and  
records a file among a plurality of blocks,  
comprising:

            a block allocation step for allocating  
blocks to record the file;

35           a management information production step  
for producing management information indicating  
blocks allocated in the block allocation step;

a file storage step for recording the file;  
and  
a management information storage step for  
recording the management information produced in the  
5 management information production step.

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claim 6, wherein the file storage step attaches  
information indicating a preceding block and  
information indicating a size of data to be recorded  
in a block to each block that records the file, and  
15 records.

20           8. The file access method as claimed in  
claim 6, having a management information updating  
step that updates the management information so that  
when an unrecorded block occurs among the blocks  
allocated in the block allocation step when  
25 recording the file in the file storage step the  
unrecorded block becomes an unused block.

30           9. The file access method as claimed in  
claim 6, wherein the file storage step allocates  
blocks that are to record data that makes up the  
file in the block allocation step based on the  
35 previously-set storage sequence of the data that  
makes up the file and records to the allocated  
blocks.

10. The file access method as claimed in  
claim 7, having a file readout step such that when  
information indicating the preceding block does not  
indicate the preceding block as a result of the  
5 block being accessed in sequence depending on the  
management information, the file being read out, and  
data being read out from the block, or when  
information indicating the size of the data recorded  
in the block is actually outside the block size  
10 range, the file readout step halts readout of the  
file and updates the management information so that  
subsequent blocks become unused blocks.

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